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Reservations start Tuesday, Septem-

ber 25,. Please call by noon at least two days before the event. Cancellations

October is a busy month in Elder Services filled with both entertainment and more serious life issues. Be sure to check out some fun events like the Oktoberfest, and downtown trick or treating.

If you are caring for a loved one with memory loss join us on October 28 for our Virtual Dementia Tour (see the insert) which precedes our new Caregivers Support Group.

There are a lot of great programs this month and more good stuff on the way...

### SPECIAL EVENTS

There is no van service on Monday, October 13 - Columbus Day

Movie Day, Thursday October 2, 1:00 Last Vegas

A Matter of Balance Workshop: Tuesday, October 7, 10:00

Oktoberfest Lunch Tues. October 7, 12:00

Ham & Bean Supper Thursday, October 9, 5:00

Medication Safety Collection - Friday, October 10, 10:30

Lunch and learn The Cost of Aging-in-Place: Tuesday, October 14, Noon

Hearing Tests Thursday, October 16, 10:15

Not Too Stuffy Book Club, Thursday, October 16, 1:00 - 2:00 see page 7

Senator Lewis, Friday, October 17, 2:30 – 3:30

Birthday Lunch, Monday, October 20, Noon

Lunch and Learn - Making Decisions Tuesday, October 21, 12:00

Stoneham Theatre, The Addams Family Musical - Wednesday, October 22

Wii Games, New Monthly Program, Thursday, October 23m 1:00 (see page 3)

Lizzie Borden and the 40 Whacks, Tuesday, October 28 - 1:15

Understanding & Caring for loved ones with Memory Loss, Tues., October 28, 6:00

Downtown Trick or Treating, Wednesday, October 29, 4:00

Movie Day, House on Haunted Hill, Thursday, October 30, 1:00

Medicare Open Enrollment Presentation, Thursday, October 30, 10:15

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### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



Fix It:- Leave the lamp at the reception desk any day. You only pay for parts.

Movie Day: Thurs., Oct. 2, 1:00. <u>Last Vegas</u>, Four sixty something pals gather in Las Vegas to celebrate Billy's upcoming nuptials with the intention of running wild. Cast: Robert De Niro, Morgan Freeman, Michael Douglas.

SH.I.N.E. Counseling – (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Fri., Oct. 3 & 10, 10:00 - 3:00, Call for an appointment 781-942-6794.

Oktoberfest Lunch: Tues., Oct. 7, 12:00. Raise a cold beer (root beer) and enjoy some German fare with entertainment by everyone's favorite - The Carrtunes.

A Matter of Balance Workshop: Tues., Oct. 7 - Dec. 2, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. An 8 week session meets weekly. This workshop is designed to reduce the fear of falling and view falls as controllable. It helps increase activity levels. Each session includes discussion and exercises to improve your balance, flexibility and overall strength. The last session sold out quickly. A minimum of 6 people is required to hold the class.

Ham and Bean Supper: Thurs., Oct 9, 5:00 - Reading Police will sponsor their annual Ham and Bean Supper. This event is for Reading residents only.

Medication Safety Collection: Fri., Oct. 10, 10:30 – 11:30 - Do you have old, expired and unneeded medication? Bring medications in a zip lock bag. Reading Coalition Against Substance Abuse Director Erica McNamara and Detective Michelle Halloran will collect & dispose of them.

Lunch & Learn: Tues., Oct. 14, lunch 12:00 and learn 12:30 The Cost of Aging-in-Place: Understanding the Process of Aging in Place, Your Options and Resources: What is aging-in-place and what is available to enhance our independence?

Hearing Tests: Thurs., Oct. 16, 10:15 - Are you having difficulties hearing your loved ones? Come have your hearing screened by Audiologist, Anita McGrory.

State Senator Jason Lewis: Fri, Oct., 17, 2:30. Stop by and get to know Sen. Lewis. Raise any questions/concerns.

<u>Birthday Lunch:</u> Mon, Oct. 20, Noon, Your lunch is free. If it is not your birthday month suggested donation for lunch is \$2.00.

Lunch & Learn: Making Decisions: Conversations

About Health Care Proxy, Five Wishes and More!

Tues., Oct, 21, lunch 12:00 and learn 12:30 – 1:00. This program empowers people to advocate for their health care as well as providing practical tools for setting up advance directives.

The Addams Family Musical, Stoneham Theatre Senior Matinee: Weds. Oct. 22, 2:00 pm. Gomez and Morticia couldn't be prouder of their kooky family. When daughter, Wednesday, falls in love with a normal boy, nothing will ever be the same. All of your favorite characters from the Addams Family come to life in this wacky musical comedy. Tickets \$35, check payable to Stoneham Theatre due to Receptionist by Oct. 8.

Lizzie Borden and the 40 Whacks, Tues., Oct. 28, 1:15. Join us for a live production. Spinster Lizzie Borden was accused, tried, and acquitted for the axe murders of her father and stepmother. The performance includes a mock trial that invites the audience to participate by questioning Lizzie, her maid, the attorneys and deciding guilt or innocence. Did she or didn't she? You be the judge!

<u>Downtown Trick or Treating:</u> Weds., Oct 29, 4:00 - 5:30. Join us for refreshments as we welcome the young ghosts & goblins and offer them treats.

Movie Day: Thurs., Oct. 30, 1:00 Join us for a classic Vincent Price movie - <u>House on Haunted Hill</u> - A devilish millionaire offers five strangers \$10,000 to stay overnight in a remote haunted mansion.

Medicare Open Enrollment: Thurs., Oct. 30, 10:15. Learn about insurance options and help with Prescription Drug Coverage. Presented by Carla Brockway from MVES

Lunch is Served: Noon. Join us weekdays for a good meal, conversation, and occasional entertainment. Sponsored by Mystic Valley Elder Services. Suggested donation of \$2.00 (under age 60, \$3.50). Advance Registration Required.

### CLASSES, CRAFTS & GAMES

**Art Lessons with Steve Greco:** Tuesdays, 9:30 – 12:00 2 ½ hours for \$10.00. Steve will teach any medium

Klickity Klack (Knitting Group): Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:00 Arts & Crafts Rm . New knitters welcome.

Painting Group: Fridays, 10:00 - 12:30 (No Van)

Computer Classes: Learn to use email, send pictures, use the internet. Bring your own laptop if you want.

Tuesdays/Thursdays with Ethan - 1:00 - 2:00 Wednesdays with John Walsh 10:00 – 11:00

Wii Games: Thurs., Oct. 23, 1:00

**Cribbage:** Mondays, 1:00 - 3:00

**Billiards:** (No van) Wednesdays, 10:00 - 11:15 **Pool table** is available Monday - Friday

Bingo: Tuesdays 1:00—2:30

Chess: Fridays, 1:00 - 3:00 (No van).

Party Bridge: Fridays, 12:45 - 3:15 \$1.00 to play, New

Players Welcome. (No Van )

MAH JONGG: Thursdays, 12:30 - 3:30

**Quilting:** Weds, 1:00 - 3:00, Oct. 8 & 22 Great techniques and tips for saving time. Come visit and try it out. Class size is limited. Fee for class (Alternate Weds. thru Nov.)

### **FITNESS**

Motion to Music - Tues. & Thurs., 9:00 - 10:00. \$20/month; \$15/month - any 5 classes during the calendar month. Drop-ins \$4/session.

**B.E.S.T.** - Balance, Energy, Strength, Training Fridays, 9:00 - 10:00 Lounge. Drop-in \$3/Session.

**Yoga** - Mon.—11:00 -12:00 , 5 weeks for \$50 or \$11 for drop-in

**Zumba Gold: Kelli** - Mon. and Cindy on Weds 9:15 - 10:15 - Drop-in \$5/session. Zumba is fun...

Tai Chi - "FOREVER 49" - Fit for Life Fitness Program - Chi Gong, weight lifting, and more. Mondays & Wednesdays 1:30 - 2:30 \$40 for the month or \$10 for Drop -ins. FIRST CLASS FREE October 1, come try this class and see how to stay fit for life.

Body and Brain Flexibility, Tuesdays thru November 18, 11:00 - 12:00 or \$5 drop in.

**Gentle Chair Yoga:** Tuesdays 1:00 – 1:45, \$35.00 for 4 weeks or \$ 10.00 drop in.

### Pleasant Street Spa

Roberta Our Hairdresser—Mon., Oct. 20 - 9:30 – 1:00 by appointment call (781) 245-6605

For facials, manicures, chair massage please call the Pleasant Street Center (No Van Service)

**Facials** – Thursdays, October 2 & 16, 9:00 - 11:00 Choose 15 min./ \$5 or 30 min. /\$10.

**Chair Massage -** Thursdays, October, 2, 16, & **23**—9:00 - 11:45, Receive a 15 minute chair massage for only \$8.

**Manicures** - Thursdays, October 9 & 23, 9:30 - 1:00, \$6.00 or \$7.00 French.

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1:30 Forever 49 - Tai Chi

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### On the Go!

Van transportation is a free service to Reading seniors and disabled residents. Our goal is to provide safe, efficient and friendly service. Reservations should be made 24 hours in advance by calling the Receptionist at the Pleasant Street Center (781) 942-6794.

The times listed below are expected time of arrival at the destination. Please be ready 45 minutes prior to the time stated (for example if the shopping time is 9:30 you should be ready by 8:45).

Woburn Mall, Target or Kohl's for everyone

Monday, October 6 ~ 1:00 - 2:30 Monday, October 27 ~ 9:00 – 10:30

Wal-Mart for everyone

Monday, October 6 ~ 9:00 – 10:30 Monday, October 27 ~ 1:00 – 2:30

Downtown Errands, Calareso's/Library for all Monday, October 20 ~ 9:00 – 10:15

Redstone, Home Depot or Jordan's for everyone Monday, October 20 ~ 1:00 - 2:30

Burbank YMCA for everyone ~

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 – 10:30

Stop n Shop or Market Basket

Neighborhood Shopping, Wednesdays ~ 8:45 – 10:00 & 1:30 - 2:45

Cedar Glen Shopping, Thursdays ~ 8:45 – 10:00 Tannerville Shopping, Fridays ~ 8:45 - 10:00

Rules of the road...

- All riders must meet the Standards of Independence for participation at the Pleasant Street Center.
- Seatbelts are required until the van comes to a complete stop.
- 4 bags per rider.
- Please be on time for all pickups!
- Be sure to cancel if you have a change of plans.

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Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment Period starts October 15 and ends on December 7. During Open Enrollment, you may change your Medicare drug coverage for next year. This is an opportunity to review your current coverage. Or, if you've been on Medicare for a while but have never joined a drug plan, open enrollment is your chance to do so. If you want to meet with a SHINE counselor, make your appointment now by calling (781) 942-6794 or Mystic Valley Elder Services at (781) 324-7705.

Certified SHINE Counselors (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone....on Medicare) provide free and unbiased counseling services and will help you understand your Medicare-related health and drug plans, as well as other options you may have.

### **READING RECREATION TRIP!**

### Webs Yarn Store, Shelburne Falls & Yankee Candle Trip

Join Reading Recreation for this day trip filled with foliage and fun on Saturday, October 18th. Start by traveling to Webs Great American Yarn Store. This store is 15,000 square feet of first-quality yarns at unbeatable prices! After shopping, venture to Shelburne Falls which is rich with natural beauty, talented artisans, four season recreation and an atmosphere that will make you feel right at home. Some notable features are the Bridge of Flowers, a former trolley bridge over the Deerfield River that is now maintained by the Shelburne Falls Women's Club as a floral display from April through October, and the glacial potholes of the Deerfield River. Before heading home stop at the glorified Yankee Candle Village. The Yankee Candle Village store is where you'll find 400,000 candles in over 200 different famous Yankee scents.

<u>Please note</u>: Light snacks and refreshments will be available on the bus but no meals are provided on this trip. Register at the Pleasant Street Center or online at <a href="https://www.readingrec.com">www.readingrec.com</a> FEE: \$45

in Reading. Arrival back in Reading is at approximately 7:00 PM.

### LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Haunted History of New England, Tue, Oct. 21st, 7:00 pm at the Pleasant Street Center. We're kicking off this season's LiveWires with a spooky presentation melding historical fact with legend to uncover New England's haunted past. Meet Mercy Brown "The Vampire" of Exeter Rhode Island, discover the Cursed Freetown State Forest, the Haunted Hoosac Tunnel in Western Massachusetts, the Ghosts of the Lizzie Borden House in Fall River, The Ghosts of King Philip's War: Nine Men's Misery, the Mount Washington Hotel in New Hampshire, Giles Corey and the Curse of Salem, Burial Hill in Plymouth and the John Alden House in Duxbury.

### **HEALTH SCREENINGS**

**Podiatry Clinic**, Mon. Oct. 6 – Call (781) 438-2525 to schedule an appointment. Cost \$30

**Blood Pressure** – Monday, October 6, 10:00 – 10:45 sponsored by Hallmark Health

### SENIOR GROUPS

Low Vision Group, – Wed., Oct., 8, 10:00 Speaker Andrea Schein, Mass. Commission for the Blind

Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Wed, Oct. 8, 1:30 - 3:00 pm, Led by Greater Medford VNA.

The Not Too Stuffy Book Group, Thurs., Oct. 16, 1:00-2:00. The Kite Runner by, Khaled Hosseini. The heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant. set in a country that is in the process of being destroyed. It is about the power of reading, the price of betrayal, and the possibility of redemption; and an exploration of the power of fathers over sons—their love, their sacrifices, their lies.

### QUESTIONS/CONCERNS?

**Board of Selectmen Office Hours:** 

Tuesday Oct., 7 6:30 - 7:00 - Town Hall Conference Room

Congressman John F. Tierney:

Issues affecting Seniors and Veterans.

Peabody: 978-531-1669,

Lynn: 781-595-7375,

www.Tierney.House.gov

Information relating to legislative issues call Sally Hoyt, Senate President, (781) 944-1191.

**Bingo winners** for August - Barbara Murphy, Blanche Spitz (twice), Carol Holland and Silvana Leone.

### HOLIDAY CHARACTER BREAKFAST

Reading Elder & Human Services and Reading Recreation have teamed up again! On November 30, come enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast while dining with some all-time favorite holiday characters

Fun for everyone... bring the kids... bring Grandma... All ages are welcome! Seniors 60+ FREE under 60 cost is \$3.00 per person.

Times: 8:00AM - 8:30AM

8:45AM - 9:15AM

9:30AM -10:00AM

Registration is open now, so don't wait space is limited! Please register each person attending by calling (781) 942-6794 or online at www.readingrec.com.

### **RECIPE**

### 2 Ingredient Pumpkin Cookies

- 1 (15 oz) can of pumpkin
- 1 box spice cake mix

Preheat oven to 350°

Line baking sheet with parchment paper

- 1. Mix your pumpkin and cake mix together in a medium bowl until there are no more lumps.
- 2. Drop by rounded tablespoon onto prepared baking sheets, about 2 inches apart.
- 3. Bake for 13-15 minutes, until edges start to golden:
- 4. Remove from oven and allow to cool 5 minutes on your baking sheet. Transfer to wire rack to finish cooling.

Frost if desired.

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